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BOGOTA OR BRIDGETOWN FOR AMBASSADOR EBERLE

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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS--EC PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES' DISCUSSION APRIL 26

REF: STATE 86686

1. AFTER FAILING TO REACH STATE SECRETARY SACHS, I
HAVE MANAGED TO REACH AMBASSADOR HERMES, FOREIGN
MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO
DISCUSS ARTICLE XXIV:6 DEVELOPMENTS. I EXPLAINED THE
SITUATION WHICH HAD DEVELOPED IN BRUSSELS DURING PERM
REP MEETING AND EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT FRG DELE-
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GATION SEEMED TO BE SUPPORTING THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

WHICH FALLS SHORT OF WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ARTICLE 24 VI ISSUE. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN VIEW OF THE FRG PRESIDENCY OF EC COUNCIL, THE GERMANS WOULD THIS COMING MONDAY ADOPT A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE IN SEEKING SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BE INSTRUCTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR VON STADEN DURING THE WEEKEND TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE.

2. IN RESPONSE, HERMES SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL WAS NOT ALL THAT BAD ALTHOUGH IT FELL SHORT OF OPTIMUM WE SEEK. HE POINTED OUT THAT IT REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE OF THE NINE AND THAT THIS IS A BARGAINING PROCESS ON BOTH SIDES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HERMES POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL IS NOT NECESSARILY A FINAL EC POSITION AND IS NOT IMMUTABLE.

3. AS TO POSSIBILITY OF MALMGREN'S TALK WITH GERMAN EMBASSY, HERMES SAW NO PROBLEM WITH MALMGREN'S GETTING IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR VON STADEN TO EXPRESS ANY VIEWS HE HAS IN MIND. HERMES SAW, HOWEVER, NO POSSIBILITY, IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR INNER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION, OF GETTING OUT INSTRUCTIONS TO WASHINGTON OVER THE WEEKEND.

4. I URGED ON HERMES THE DESIRABILITY FOR BOTH OF US TO SEE THIS PROBLEM RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HERMES AGREED BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION IS PERHAPS NOT AS SERIOUS AS APPEARS ON THE SURFACE.

5. EMBASSY IS REPORTING FURTHER ON DISCUSSIONS AT WORKING LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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